

In the specification:

On page 1, line 9, insert the paragraph as follows:

This application is a national phase application depending from Patent Cooperation Treaty Patent Application Number PCT/US00/17007 filed on June 20, 2000 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/140,092 filed on June 21, 1999 (now abandoned).

On page 4, lines 13-30, amend the paragraphs to read as follows:

The bezel 11 contains a body portion 14 and an output terminal 15. The output terminal 15 could be the output terminal of the battery or can be electrically connected to an output terminal of the battery. The body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is preferably molded of an insulating material that is impact-resistant, such as plastic, thermoplastic, polymer or polycarbonate. The impact-resistant bezel 11 provides protection for electronic circuitry 16 contained within the housing from static shock during manufacturing and mechanical shock such as dropping. The output terminal 15 is made of conductive material, In one preferred embodiment, the output terminal forms the positive terminal of the battery. Preferably, the output terminal 15 is metal and located in the center of bezel 11. Preferably, the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is insert-molded around the output terminal 15. The bezel 11 preferably conforms to the shape and standard outer dimensions of a standard battery. For example, if the housing 10 is placed on the top of a AA

size battery, the bezel 11 would preferably be dome-shaped, as shown in Figure 1. It is also preferable that at least a portion of the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is made of translucent or transparent material so that the circuit board ~~13~~₁₂ may be easily viewed by a consumer after the housing 10 is assembled. Preferably, the bezel 11 contains a notch 17 to aid in aligning the bezel 11, circuit board 12 and retaining ring 13 during assembly of the housing 10.

On page 8, line 27 to page 9, line 15, amend paragraphs to read as follows:

The retainer 33 provides a socket for mounting the housing 10. The retainer 33 is attached to the electrochemical cell 22 at the desired location of the housing 10. In a preferred embodiment, the retainer 33 is at the top of the electrochemical cell 22. However, the retainer 33 may be attached to the bottom or the side of the electrochemical cell 22. Preferably, the retainer 33 is spot welded to the batter container 22. Preferably the assembled housing 10 is attached to the retainer 33 such that the retainer ring and the retainer are affixed. Preferably, the housing 10 and retainer 33 are affixed by crimping, snapping, or adhesive. Preferably, the retainer 33 has a notch 38 to allow space for the ground lead ~~24~~₃₄ to connect the electronic circuitry to the negative ground.

The positive input contact 18 of the electronic circuitry is electrically connected to the positive electrode 26 of the electrochemical cell 22. The positive output contact ~~19~~₂₀ of the electronic circuitry 16 is electrical connected to the positive terminal 31. The negative input contact 19 is electrically connected to the